

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

104th Congress
1st Session

Vote No. 95

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BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT/Simple Majority to Raise Taxes

SUBJECT: A Resolution Proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States . . . H.J. Res. 1. Hatch motion to table the Byrd amendment No. 253.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 63-37

SYNOPSIS: Pertinent votes on this legislation include Nos. 62-63, 65-94, and 96-98.

As passed by the House, H.J. Res. 1, a resolution proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, is virtually identical to the balanced budget constitutional amendment that was considered last year by the Senate (see 103d Congress, second session, vote Nos. 47-48). The resolution: will require a three-fifths majority vote of both Houses of Congress to deficit spend or to increase the public debt limit; will require the President's annual proposed budget submission to be in balance; and will require a majority of the whole number of each House to approve any bill to increase revenue. Congress will be allowed to waive these requirements for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. Congress will enforce and implement this amendment by appropriate legislation. The amendment will take effect in fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later. The States will have 7 years to ratify the amendment.

The Byrd amendment would strike section 4. (Section 4 provides that "No bill to increase revenue shall become law unless approved by a majority of the whole number of each House by a rollcall vote.")

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. Senator Hatch moved to table the Byrd amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

NOTE: The debate on vote Nos. 92, 93, and 95 was en bloc.

For debate, see vote No. 92.

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YEAS (63)			NAYS (37)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (53 or 100%)	Democrats (10 or 21%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (37 or 79%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Biden		Akaka	Johnston	
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Bryan		Baucus	Kennedy	
Bennett	Jeffords	Campbell		Bingaman	Kerrey	
Bond	Kassebaum	Exon		Boxer	Kerry	
Brown	Kempthorne	Feinstein		Bradley	Kohl	
Burns	Kyl	Heflin		Breaux	Lautenberg	
Chafee	Lott	Hollings		Bumpers	Leahy	
Coats	Lugar	Nunn		Byrd	Levin	
Cochran	Mack	Reid		Conrad	Lieberman	
Cohen	McCain	Simon		Daschle	Mikulski	
Coverdell	McConnell			Dodd	Moseley-Braun	
Craig	Murkowski			Dorgan	Moynihan	
D'Amato	Nickles			Feingold	Murray	
DeWine	Packwood			Ford	Pell	
Dole	Pressler			Glenn	Pryor	
Domenici	Roth			Graham	Robb	
Faircloth	Santorum			Harkin	Rockefeller	
Frist	Shelby			Inouye	Sarbanes	
Gorton	Simpson				Wellstone	
Gramm	Smith					
Grams	Snowe					
Grassley	Specter					
Gregg	Stevens					
Hatch	Thomas					
Hatfield	Thompson					
Helms	Thurmond					
	Warner					

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay